Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 30 Sep 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 01 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 30 Sep 2020 at 03:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium confidence with uncertainty around rainfall amounts but, high confidence for general forecast.

Headline for Wednesday 30 Sep 2020: Outbreaks of rain and severe gales, very poor visibility at times.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 30 Sep 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Dull	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
40%	40%	40%	60%	20%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 30 Sep 2020

Weather: Rain affecting the Cuillins from the early hours and pushing east over most western ranges by dawn, cloud is likely to shroud the hill tops so quite foggy at times on the hills in the morning. Outbreaks of rain are expected to continue through the morning however Skye and Assynt are likely to be dry from mid morning. Rain continuing to move east in the afternoon perhaps lingering around the Great Glen until dusk. However for most ranges there will also be drier spells and maybe the odd bright spell especially around more northerly hills.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% in the morning there will be some breaks further north and on Skye by lunchtime but cloud bases will be widely around 500-700m. By mid afternoon 70% chance in the west with some good views likely.

Visibility: Visibility is likely to be moderate in outbreaks of rain. In any heavy outbreaks of rain visibility is likely to become poor or very poor for a time with cloud bases likely to lower as well. Later in the day visibility will improve in all but the eastern ranges.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	49/57 S	28/35 S	15/20 W	14/18 NW	12/17 NW	13/18 NW	12/17 NW
900	43/50 S	26/34 S	15/19 W	13/17 NW	12/17 NW	12/18 NW	11/16 NW
600	28/36 S	17/25 S	10/15 W	8/13 NW	7/12 NW	6/12 NW	6/10 NW
300	3/38 S	6/24 S	7/17 W	8/16 NW	6/15 NW	7/14 NW	6/13 N
Glen	19/41 SE	11/24 S	6/12 W	7/14 NW	5/11 N	6/12 N	7/13 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-4	5/-0	4/-1	3/-2	2/-3	2/-3	1/-3
900	5/-3	6/0	5/0	4/-1	3/-2	2/-2	2/-2
600	7/2	8/4	7/4	6/3	5/3	5/3	4/2
300	9/9	10/9	9/7	8/6	7/6	7/5	6/4
Glen	12/8	12/10	12/10	11/9	10/9	9/8	9/7
Freezing Level*	2200m	2000m	1900m	1500m	1200m	1100m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A very windy morning on the hills and feeling very cold at first on the hills with a strong wind chill. Winds will ease by late morning and become northwesterly, once again it will feel very cold.

Forecast for Thursday 01 Oct 2020

Weather: Outbreaks of light rain and drizzle in the east but drier brighter conditions for Skye and Torridon. It will brighten up after lunchtime for most ranges with some sunny intervals by the end of the afternoon. Some of the precipitation will be wintry around the highest munro tops.

Maximum wind: Mainly northwesterly 15mph, easing later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% chance in the morning in the east with bases widely around 400-500m, cloud lifting later in the afternoon improving the chances 70-80%.

Visibility: Generally good, perhaps poor at first around Glen Affric.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 1100m.

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